

The Company's founder and president, Dr. Donald S. Orkand, is an individualist, a man who believes in equal opportunity for all men and women. On the occasion of the company's milestone anniversary, Dr. Orkand has taken the opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments of the past and to launch his company's plans to deliver its unique brand of client-centered information into the 21st century. I am proud to pay tribute to the Orkand Corp., and I am honored to add my voice to the praises of the many friends and colleagues who gather to salute Dr. Donald Orkand and his outstanding company.

“BE YOUR BEST DAY”

**HON. DEBORAH PRYCE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 22, 1995*

Mr. PRYCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to applaud the efforts of our Nation's Girl Scouts and the activities that they took part in as part of Be Your Best Day on March 14, 1995.

On this day, Girl Scouts across the country encouraged people of all ages and walks of life to improve themselves, help a friend, or better their community.

I would particularly like to submit for the RECORD the activities of several Girl Scout troops in Columbus, OH:

Eighty girls participated in conducting science experiments on the Darby Creek, a National Scenic River, to determine the kinds of service projects they will need to maintain its pristine condition.

Approximately 50 girls participated in an I'm Safe, Alert and Alive program that enabled them to take the information and share it with young girls.

Brownie Girl Scouts, age 6 to 8, participated in dancercize, an activity that taught them how to remain fit through dancing.

Fifty girls participated in a 1-day seminar on health and fitness, focusing on basic nutrition and fitness techniques. Junior Girl Scouts were paired with Brownie Girl Scouts to share the information with them.

Two Girl Scouts troops collected food and clothing items and donated them to a social service agency for distribution.

Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts participated in a computer basics course to learn more about technology and to encourage them to pursue math and science curricula.

Several Girl Scout troops filled out pledge cards to be their best on that day and to emphasize community service throughout the year.

Mr. Speaker, as a former Girl Scout myself, I would like to commend these Scouts for their efforts. They are true examples of young women dedicated to improving their own lives and making their communities better places to live.

SEAL OF OHIO GIRL SCOUT  
COUNCIL, INC.,

*Columbus, OH, March 1, 1995.*

Memo To: Deb Fiddelke, Ass't. to U.S. Representative Deborah Pryce  
From: Donna Hughes, Public Relations Director

Re: Be Your Best Day activities in Columbus  
Below are some of the activities Girl Scout troops in Seal of Ohio Girl Council have planned to do for Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.'s BE YOUR BEST DAY, Tuesday, March 14 or during Girl Scout Week, March 12-18.

1. 80 girls will participate in conducting science experiments on the Darby Creek, a National Scenic River, to determine the kinds of service projects they will need to establish to maintain its pristine condition.

2. Approximately 50 girls will participate in a "I'm Safe, Alert and Alive" program that will enable them to take the information and share it with younger girls.

3. Brownie Girl Scouts, ages 6-8, will participate in Dancercize, an activity that will teach them how to remain fit through dancing. This also enables them to earn a Try-It badge.

4. Scheduled later in the week, primarily due to time, 50 girls will participate in a one-day seminar on health and fitness. It will focus on basic nutrition and fitness techniques. The Junior Girl Scouts will then be paired with Brownie Girl Scouts to share the information with them.

5. Two troops are collecting food and clothing items to donate to a social service agency to distribute to clients.

6. Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts are participating in Computer Basics to learn more about the technology and how it can help them in school by encouraging them to pursue math and science curricula.

7. Troops are filling out pledge cards they have designed, pledging to be their best on March 14 and to put an increase emphasis on community service throughout the year.

The main thrust behind Be Your Best Day is to highlight the values of Girl Scouts and raise the visibility of the kind of contemporary issues Girl Scouts are confronting on a daily basis, and to get the community involved with Girl Scouts to address some of these concerns. If you need additional information about Be Your Best Day, do not hesitate to call.

GIRL SCOUTS OF THE U.S.A.,

*Washington, DC, February 21, 1995.*

Hon. DEBORAH PRYCE,

*U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CONGRESSWOMAN PRYCE: As a woman who has risen to the top in government because of your commitment to contemporary issues, you have shown how important it is for people to pull together and make their community a better place to live.

We would like to invite you to help us call other Americans to action on March 14, 1995. The event is "Girl Scouts' Be Your Best Day." On that day we are encouraging people—children, teens, adults and senior citizens to improve themselves, help a friend or better the community.

In the spirit of the day, we would like you to get involved, perhaps in your hometown, either individually working with a special cause, or with a local Girl Scouts troop. Should you not be with your constituents on that day, perhaps you would consider joining Girl Scouts in our nation's capital who will be participating in a series of very special activities, including an intergenerational aerobics workout program.

We hope you will join us on "Girl Scouts' Be Your Best Day," and would like to assure you that you do not need to make a major time commitment. We will be alerting the media about people's involvement in this day. Even half an hour of your time, whether it be speaking out to an important issue or promising to adhere to a personal resolution will help increase visibility for the hundreds of volunteers across the United States who will be participating that day.

Sincerely,

B. LARAE ORULLIAN,  
*National President.*

## CONGRESSIONAL REFORM

**HON. LEE H. HAMILTON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 22, 1995*

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to insert my Washington Report for Wednesday, March 22, 1995, into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

### IMPROVING CONGRESSIONAL REFORM EFFORTS

The House got off to a good start this session by passing a series of internal reforms aimed at making the institution more open, efficient, and accountable. Yet in some ways the reforms are not working as well as expected. We need to revisit the changes made, as well as expand the scope of our reform effort into new areas.

Procedural reforms: On the first day of the 104th Congress, the House passed several procedural reforms—including measures to open up floor procedures, simplify the committee structure, and require Congress to comply with the same laws it passes for everyone else. These will not revolutionize the House, but they do move us in the right direction. Many were based on the work of last session's Joint Committee on the Organization of Congress. Yet there is some disappointment about the overall impact of the reforms. In many ways the House is less open and deliberative than it was last session.

A central theme of the reforms was to improve the work of congressional committees, since that is where the real work of Congress takes place. Yet the effectiveness of the committee reforms—reducing Members' committee assignments, banning proxy voting, and opening up committees further to the public—has been undermined by the new leadership's desire to pass key legislation within 100 days. The new congressional compliance bill, for example, passed the House without a single day of consideration by a House committee, even though much of the language was entirely new. No committee hearings were held on the highly complex unfunded mandates bill and only cursory hearings were held on the crime bills. Passing reforms to ban proxy voting or to open up committee deliberations makes little difference if an important bill simply bypasses the committee.

Another major reform was the promise by the new leadership to open up floor proceedings by allowing Members more opportunities to offer amendments. Yet this has simply not happened for several key bills. Many bills—from congressional compliance to the balanced budget amendment—came to the floor with limited or no opportunity for Members to amend them. The spending cut bill considered by the House last week put four-fifths of discretionary spending off limits to amendments—only those areas the committee wanted cut could be cut. It is unrealistic to expect every bill to come to the floor under open rules. That would be too unwieldy, and most Members recognize that. What is needed is that we have generous enough rules so Members can vote on the major policy issues on a particular bill; and that has not happened several times this year.

Rushing legislation through leads to mistakes. Sometimes we need to slow down to do things right and to make sure that all voices have been heard. We need a balance. The pace of legislation is important to the work product—too slow and the result is gridlock, too fast and the result is mistakes and unintended consequences.

Hearings are expected this summer on how well the new reforms are working. That is